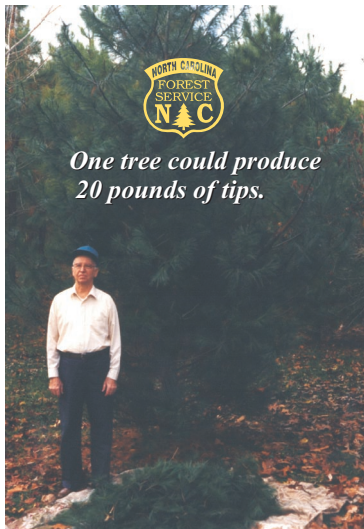


Overcrowded young stands of white pine can be thinned by removing all the tips on some trees and leaving an adequate number of well-developed trees evenly distributed over the area. This practice can be applied in natural stands that are too thick, or in areas which were planted for Christmas trees, but were not marketed. Consult your local county ranger for a recommendation on the need for thinning.

White pine can be damaged if tipping is done improperly. Be sure to follow the above guidelines. Ask a contractor for references before selling your tips. Check on the contractor periodically to be sure guidelines are being followed. Correct tipping practices remove the lateral branches of white pine which would die back in a few years anyway. By leaving the current year's growth on dominant branches, the same trees can be tipped annually for up to three years.



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*One tree could produce
20 pounds of tips.*

The income from selling white pine tips will more than pay for the cost of planting the trees. When done properly a substantial income can be gained at an early age, and a well-managed stand of white pine will remain to produce timber in future years.



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